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Animal Science Day Event Celebrates the Department

On November 21, the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center played host to a brand new event for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural Food and Life Sciences Department of Animal Science, “Animal Science Day.”

An estimated 250 alumni, faculty, staff, students and community members came out to support and learn more about what the Department offers. Each of the Departments seven student organizations staffed a booth that showcased their achievements. The Block and Bridle club; Pre-Vet club; Meats Quiz Bowl; Livestock Judging team; Horse Judging team; Animal Science REPS and Animal Science Graduate Student Association all participated. While the main purpose of the booths was informational, there was some fun to be had.

The doors opened at 5 pm, and guests were greeted by students from the Horse and Livestock Merchandising class. Each guest was given an Animal Science Passport, which included a map of all the booths and a schedule of events. They could then follow it around and have their passport stamped at each booth after answering a trivia question or participating in an activity. Some activities included: judging pictures of horses; making an animal ornament; answering a meats quiz bowl question; and having your picture taken in the carriage with funny hats.

Events in the Arena began at 6 pm with a Natural Horsemanship demonstration. The demonstration gave students in the Equine Behavior and Training class an opportunity to present their knowledge to those present. A dog agility demonstration featuring the Northwest Arkansas Agility Group followed. The agility demonstration was a crowd favorite with most in attendance awed by the dogs’ abilities. Upping the cute factor, the Pre-Vet club then held the pet costume contest. About ten animals, including one miniature horse, participated. However it was a Chihuahua that won top prize. Vallie Yancey and Sam Johnson served as the official judges.

Finally it was time for the Old Timers Judging contest. There were about fifty participants of all ages, and they judged five classes: horses, market lambs, ewes, breeding gilts and heifers. Everyone judge at the same time, and were given about five minutes to make their



Horseman Demonstration



Dog Agility Demonstration



Horse Judging Team Booth



Old Timers Judging Contest



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Pet Judging

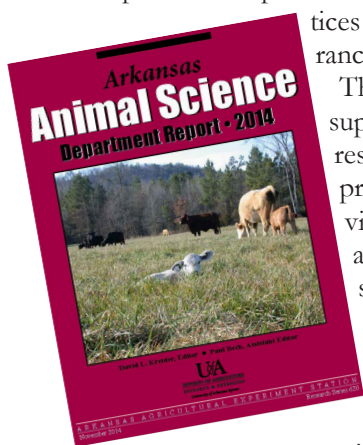
selections. After all judging cards for that class were turned in, Bryan Kutz, Livestock Judging team coach, gave the official order and explained why the animals were ordered as such. After all the points were tallied, the top five finishers were announced: first, Mike Schultz; second, Tabitha Kedigh; third, Michael Loop-

er; fourth, Lindsay Bowman; fifth, Casey Orr

Animal Science Day was a first time event, but definitely not the last, and everyone in the Department worked hard and contributed to the success of the event. Plans are already underway for next year’s event. }

ANSC Report Now Available Online

The Department has recently released its 17th Research Series publication. The Animal Science Report is an annual report of research-based information that helps in development of best management practices increasing whole farm/ranch efficiency.



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The Report can be found at the following link: <http://arkansasagnews.uark.edu/8253.htm>. }

Animal Science REPS Showcase Myths on Halloween

The Department of Animal Science REPS spent their Halloween handing out candy on campus. But, it wasn’t just candy they were handing out, they were also educating the campus on “Scary Meat Myths.”

The myths challenge was part of the College Aggies Online competition. Attached to each piece of candy was a sheet of paper that had a meat myth, or misinformation, followed by the truth. An example of the myths is: “Meat from the grocery store is filled with hormones that are unnatural and unhealthy for people.”

The truth is, it is important to recognize that many common foods naturally contain estrogen at levels

hundreds or thousands of times higher than the levels in dairy or beef products that come from animals given estrogen hormones. In addition, estrogen levels in dairy and beef products from treated animals are essentially the same as products from untreated animals.”

The REPS stayed at the Union for several hours and handed out around 500 pieces of candy.

The College Aggies Online Competition is an initiative to promote animal agriculture in the United States. Each year teams are given several challenge options, and

they must choose which they to do. each challenge earns points and the winning team earns \$500 for their group. }



REPS members Lensey Watson and Sarah Mason hand out scary meat myths to students outside the Arkansas Union on Halloween.